

In his personal and professional life, Douglas has devoted his time to giving back to the community. He has served as a member of the board of several community organizations such as YMCA, United Way, Lenawee Chamber of Commerce, and Crosswell Opera House. Douglas has served several terms on the Adrian Public School's Board of Education, including 5 years as board president. He served 19 years as a trustee on Siena Heights University Board of Trustees, with 8 years as president, and continues as a chairperson. He has served as president for the Bank of Lenawee and Pavilion Bancorp. Douglas' life and service is a direct reflection of his longtime commitment to giving back to the community.

Douglas' contributions to the community have not gone unnoticed. He is one of only three recipients to receive the Lenawee Maple Leaf Award, the county's most prestigious award which is given in recognition of outstanding leadership, community service, and citizenship. In addition, he has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Hanover Insurance Company.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Douglas Kapnick for 43-years of service to Adrian, MI and its surrounding areas. His ability to expand his father's company from a six-person operation to a company of 135 employees demonstrates his business expertise and good judgment. Additionally, he has devoted himself to serving his community, an endeavor that he will continue to practice long into his retirement. May others know of my high regard for Douglas Kapnick as well as my best wishes for him in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF MAX CORBETT

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of Max Corbett, a veteran, a teacher, and a powerful steward of our Nation's rich agricultural heritage.

Some people in this world become larger than life, not because of their physical size or presence, but because of the number of people they influence in their lifetime. Max Corbett, or Corbett as I called him, was both a father figure and big brother to many. His influence has been felt throughout the San Joaquin Valley and our country.

Corbett was born and raised on a dairy farm. In 1968 he enlisted to fight for his country in Vietnam where he earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Upon returning home, he attended college at California State University, Fresno, graduating in 1975.

Following college, Corbett moved to Tulare. It was here, in a rural San Joaquin Valley community, that he would touch the lives of several generations of farmers and help to transform agriculture education.

For more than 31 years, Corbett taught the next generation of farmers at Tulare High Schools—where he became chairman of the school's Agriculture Department. For 25 years, he was dairy and farm manager.

Always humble, Corbett praised the Tulare Future Farmers of America—unwilling to take

credit for his own enormous impact. However, it was under his leadership that the Tulare FFA became one of California's most active chapters. Corbett also led the Tulare dairy team to win the 1984 national title.

Both as a coach, and community activist, Corbett fought every day to develop Ag leaders of the future. By 1989, he was recognized as one of 12 Teachers of Excellence for the entire State of California.

Corbett's proudest accomplishment can be found in his loving family. He enjoyed a 36-year marriage with wife, Mary, and was the father of three children, Michele, Max and James.

Max Corbett left his community of Tulare a far richer place than the one he found over 30 years ago, and for that we are blessed. He was a leader, a mentor, a patriot and above all else he was my friend.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HAROLD WINTERS

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Harold Winters, founder of the Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic League, upon the 25th anniversary of its establishment.

Born in 1939, Harold grew up in Detroit, Michigan, graduating from Redford High in 1956. He moved to Canton in 1971, and is married to Maria Winters. Harold worked for Ford Motor Company for 32 years, retiring in 1997. For 48 years, Harold Winters has shown exceptional dedication to being involved in his community. A 36 year member of Divine Savior Catholic Church, he has acted as an advocate and counselor, regularly sending inspirational messages to encourage people of all ages. During the 1970s, Harold helped raise funds for efforts to combat muscular dystrophy. Harold remains a lifelong member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and a member of the Friends of Charter Township of Canton Library.

From 1983 to the present, Harold has served as the Executive Director of the Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic League. His initiative began a league which enabled youth in the area to compete, learn about sportsmanship, and be involved in their communities in a constructive way. Furthermore, the league has generously provided more than 30,000 dollars in scholarships to young athletes since its inception.

Madam Speaker, over the years, Harold has served his community selflessly and acted as the inspiration for the Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic. His service has spanned forty years and influenced his community in numerous ways. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Harold Winters' public spirit, dedication, and service to his community.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH LITTLE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Little for being honored by the Council for Opportunity in Education for his educational achievements and career accomplishments. I am especially pleased to recognize Joseph because he is not only a worthy recipient, but a proud veteran and former Army Ranger. This recognition stems from the outstanding success Joseph has achieved while participating in Arizona State University's Veterans Upward Bound program.

When Joseph was discharged from the Army after the Vietnam war, he had severe physical and emotional injuries. It took Joseph 50 surgeries and 30 years outside the education arena until he was ready to return and realize his dream. Despite his doctors and vocational rehabilitation counselors telling him he would never be able to earn a degree, Joseph earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in social work from Arizona State University. This recognition represents the tireless determination and stellar work ethic that led Joseph to overcome adversity and become the first member in his family to graduate from college.

Joseph has worked at the Phoenix Veterans Center since 1998 and puts his education to good use by working with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. He is currently helping fellow veterans ranging from those who served in World War II to those returning from recent conflicts.

As a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I am particularly proud to see Joseph chosen as one of six winners out of a national pool of 52 nominees. When our veterans return home to Arizona and need a helping hand, I feel confident knowing that he is there to assist them with whatever problems they may have. Joseph is an inspiration to me and to an increasing number of veterans. He personifies the persistence necessary to achieve one's dreams and the altruism that is a product of an inherent moral obligation to help others who are faced with the same obstacles he was able to overcome.

Once again, I congratulate Joseph for all that he has accomplished, and I am confident we will continue to see wonderful things from him in the future.

INTRODUCING THE MICROFINANCE CAPACITY BUILDING ACT OF 2008

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today my colleague Mr. MEEKS and I are introducing the Microfinance Capacity Building Act of 2008. This bi-partisan effort aims to build the human capacity of microfinance networks working to empower the poor in developing countries across the globe.